

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

**CONTINUING APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL  
RULE 1.53(b)**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

☐ Continuation

☐ Divisional

☒ Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 09/288,654, filed April 9, 1999.

For (Title): IMAGE CAPTURING ELEMENT, IMAGE-CAPTURING CIRCUIT FOR PROCESSING  
SIGNAL FROM IMAGE-CAPTURING ELEMENT, IMAGE-CAPTURING DEVICE,  
DRIVING METHOD OF IMAGE-CAPTURING ELEMENT

By (Inventors): Kiyoshige SHIBAZAKI and Masahiro SUZUKI

1. ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
- ☐ a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
- ☒ b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF  
ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED BELOW**

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	30 - 20	= 10
INDEP CLAIMS	15 - 3	= 12
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED		

\* If the difference is less than zero, enter "0".

SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
	\$ 380	OR		\$ 760
x 9 =	\$	OR	x 18	\$ 180
x 39 =	\$	OR	x 78	\$ 936
+130 =	\$	OR	+260	\$
TOTAL	\$	OR	TOTAL	\$1,876

3. ☒ Check No. 104187 in the amount of \$1,876.00 to cover the filing fee is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.
4. ☐ Cancel claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE  
AUTHORIZATION  
Please grant any extension  
necessary for entry;  
Charge any fee due to our  
Deposit Account No. 15-0461

5. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This is a ☐ Continuation ☐ Division ☒ Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 09/288,654 filed April 9, 1999. The entire disclosure of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--
6. ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-37) are attached.
7. ☒ Priority of foreign application Nos. 10-116266 filed April 10, 1998 in Japan, 10-116267 filed April 10, 1998 in Japan, 10-116268 filed April 10, 1998 in Japan and 10-249198 filed August 19, 1998 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
- ☒ The certified copies were filed in prior Application No. 09/288,654 on April 9, 1999.
- ☐ A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is filed herewith.
8. ☐ Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_--
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Nikon Corporation recorded at Reel 010023, Frame 0059.
10. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:  
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11. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
12. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.
13. ☐ Small entity status:  
☐ a. A small entity statement is attached.  
☐ b. A small entity statement was filed in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired.  
☐ c. Small entity status is no longer claimed.
14. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
15. ☒ The power of attorney in the application is to James A. Oliff, Registration No. 27,075, William P. Berridge, Registration No. 30,024, Kirk M. Hudson, Registration No. 27,562, Thomas J. Pardini, Registration No. 30,411, Edward P. Walker, Registration No. 31,450, Robert A. Miller, Registration No. 32,771, Mario A. Costantino, Registration No. 33,565 and/or Caroline D. Dennison, Registration No. 34,494.  
☒ a. The power appears in the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney.  
☐ b. Since the power does not appear in the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney, a substitute Power of Attorney is also attached.
16. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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Respectfully submitted,



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